is no proposal for revatnp!ng the E. P. Zones. The functioning of the Zones is however, reviewed from time to time to improve the efficiency in the light of experience gained.

(b) UNCTAD has brought out a study in Export Processing Zones in developing countries. This - study generally sets the scheme of Export Processing Zones, the experience of various countries and suggestions for upgrading the or tion of the zones. No specific suggestion has been made in this study in regard to the revamping of Export Processing Zones in India.

1637.*[Transferred to the* 18th *March,* 1987].

Amendment of official secret. Act

1638. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Ministe,- of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: .

(a) whether Government propose to' plug the loopholes in the Official Secrets Act and make it more stringent by suitbly amending the Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Certain proposals are under consideration of' Government and it would be premature to disclose the details at this stage duc to 'the sensitive aature of the subject.

Supply of arms and ammunitions of dealers in Delhi

1639.SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought out some changes in regard to the guide lines and procedure for supply of arms and ammunition to dealers in Delhi re cently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) whether the Central Government have asked the State Governments, to issue similar guidelines and procedure to the arms and ammunition dealers in their respective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and- (c) Do not arise.

Rooms in Ranjit Hotel Rented for Commercia? Purposes

1640. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rooms given on rent in Ranjit Hotel, New Delhi for the (functioning of vaious offices/shops/showrooms:

(to) whether these accommodations were given on rent after giving advertisements in the national dailies for the purpose;

(c) whether the rent is being charged room-wise or sq.ft-wise' and what are the charges therefor;

(d) whether some of the office/shops/ show-room owners are defaulters in respect of payment of rent; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against such defaulters and how the money" will be receovered?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI 'MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED) (a) In all 56 rooms have licensed including 21 rooms to Govt. Departments and 8 rooms to public secto,- undertakings.

(to) and (c) The advertisements were issued by the Ranjit Hotel Management, one in 1984 and another in 1986. The licensing arrangements in respect of the 56 rooms are based on room tariff with discount by negotiations ranging between 21 per cent to 49 per cent.

(d) and (e) There are three defaulters. Premises have been got vacated in all the three eases In two cases, action for recovery has been initiated and in one case, legal acion has been taken.

Reyiew of Textile Policy

- 1641. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tex tile Policy announced on June 6, 1985 has severely hit the interests, of farmers and consumers; and

(b) whether Government propose to. review the policy to safeguard the interests of farmers and consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have been assessing from time to the impact of the Textile Policy announced in 1985.

1642. *[Transferred from the* 18 *March* 1987].

Concessions to Producers of Cloth

1643. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES he pleas-sed to state:

(a) what is the per capita consump tion, of (i) cottoan cloth; (it) non-coton cloth and (iii) mixed variety of cloth. in the country; and

(b) what is the amount of concessions being given to producers of each cate gory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA); (a) The per capita consumption of cloth during 1985 and 1986 is as under:—

Per *Capita consumption*	*(Proze*	*in til tre*
		isional)
	1985	1986
Cotton cloth	10-788	10413
Blended cloth	*2*- 443	2-994
100% Non-cotton Cloth	2.222	2-376
	15 453	15-78

(b) A Staement is enclosed.

Statement

In consonance of new Textile Policy announced in June, 1985, excise duty was reduced with effect from 28-2-85 on the following items : -

SI.No. Description	Prior to 28-8-85	From 28-8-85
1 Polyseter staple Fibre	45-00KG	2S-00KG
2 Acrylic Staple Fibre	17.50KG	40.00KG
3 Polyester/Cotton Blended Yarn (Polyester content above 40% but below 70%)	5 00KG	2'Q0KG
4 Polyester Viseose Yarn (Polyester content above 40%, but below -	10'OOKG	4-00KG
5 Ramre and polyeruer staple fibre Yarn in which as proportion of polyester staple fibre is more than 40% by weight of the total fibre content not containing any other textile mater-	8 00KG	4 ppXG
6 Cotton taon.es containing more than 40% of polyester staple fibre and also containing Ramie and manmade cellulosic fibre but not containing polyester filament yarn for value upto Rs. 25/ Der sq. mtr.		
7 For value above Rs. 25/- per Sq. Mtrs.	13 .20%	5.00%

Plus-: R-. *2*
Sq. Mtrs.